(*b*) if aid has been allowed, whether it has been allowed to the literary, music and industrial sections also ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes, except to the music section.

MATTANCHERI TOWN IMPROVEMENT—FORESHORE SCHEME

287. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) has the attention of the Government been drawn to articles on Mattancheri Town Improvement—the Foreshore Scheme—that appeared in the Cochin Argus of April 29, 1939, and in the Malabar Herald on June 10, 1939;

(*b*) will the Government be pleased to state whether they are prepared to constitute a self-supporting Mattancheri Town Improvement Trust; and

(*i*) invest it with powers of acquisition, sale, renting, plotting, laying out, and otherwise dispose of lands and properties dealt with by it;

(*ii*) give it a cash credit of 5 or 10 lakhs to start work immediately on the fore-shore to lay out the foreshore wall, and wharves alongside it, to lay down a strand and maritime foreshore road, with side-walks and facilities of landing and transport of goods across the fore-shore road to the godowns, etc., for the formation of convenient blocks with roads on all four sides, for building of rat-proof godowns, offices, and living flats, with proper drainage on modern up-to-date sanitary principles for the improvement of the health and well-being of Mattancheri and for beautifying the back-water frontage, and for handling the problem of housing the labourers and poor in the Town ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

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(*b*) No. There is no need for constituting a Town Improvement Trust.

(*i*) & (*ii*) Does not arise in view of the answer to (*b*).

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Does the Government know the author of these articles?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The author seems to be Mr. Salem.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know why Government do not think it necessary to constitute a self-supporting Mattancheri Town Improvement Trust?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Government think there is no necessity for such a Trust at present.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Do Government know that there are many slum areas and swamps and other un-healthy places in Mattancheri?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Government are aware of that. They are also aware that enormous amounts are necessary to cover these swamps.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* We only ask for a Town Improvement Trust which will be self-supporting. We do not want money from Government.

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* If money is forthcoming, even without a trust, these works can be carried out.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* May I know whether the Municipality of the Place made any move in the matter?

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is not the Government aware that the Municipal Council has been working there since 1085 and that no appreciable improvement has been brought about there? Even now there are several slums there. The Kuvappadam, the Iraveli swamps and several other low lying areas still exist there.

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The Kuvappadam scheme has been taken up now.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* But there are various other places where it is necessary to re-build the town. Government is not doing anything and the Municipality is not doing anything. So I request to give us at least a Town Improvement Trust.

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* So you say you want all these to be done immediately.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* I want only an institution which could acquire the whole slum area and spend some amount to

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convert the town into a model town. Of-course I know Government have in mind a fore-shore scheme. But I would prefer to have a Town Improvement Trust which could take up the question of improving the whole town.

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* To institute a trust, I think, some Legislation will be necessary. If you initiate it, then it can be considered by the Council.

EDAVILANGU VILLAGE—LAND REVENUE FROM AND EXPENDITURE ON

288. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state the Land Revenue from the Village of Edavilangu, and also the amount spent therein on account of improvement of the means of communication for every one of the last six years ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* A statement showing the required information is appended *(Appendix V).*

MALAYALAM IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE—ANCIENT KERALA SCRIPTS—PUBLICATION OF

289. Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Malayalam Improvement Committee have published a book called " The Ancient Kerala Script ";

(*b*) is the author of the work a Cochinite ;

(*c*) if not, was there nobody in Cochin State who could have been entrusted with the publications of the work ;

(*d*) what is the total amount spent for publication of the work ;

(*e*) are the Government aware of any authoritative articles published on the subject elsewhere ;

(*f*) if there are other works available, how is the present publication an improvement on them ;

(*g*) does the President of the Committee know any of the ancient scripts of Kerala ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(*a*) They have published a book called " പുരാതന കേരള ലിപികൾ " or " Ancient Kerala Scripts ".

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